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REQUEST THAT ABRAM SHOULD BE LEFT IN STOCKHOLM (1943)

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To VIKTOR[1].

In answer to No. 5338[a].

ABRAM[11] is the most highly qualified man[RABOTNIK] here and his departure would put the RESIDENCY in a difficult position. He is actually [1 group unrecovered] but [B? the Swedes] surely take it "[B? for granted]" that, apart from "the MISTRESS[KHOZYAJKA]"[iii], everyone is carrying out "[B? agent[.GENTURNYJ]] work" and they keep everyone under all-round surveillance. In the past week, for instance, surveillance of ANATOLIY[iv] has been maintained but it was discontinued in the case of ABRAM. ABRAM would prove his worth if he were in charge of[RUKOVOODITEL'] a group or of work with legitimate contacts[LEGAL'NYE SVYAZI]. Later on several [1 group unrecovered] contacts[SVYAZI] might be handed over to him. At present he is in contact with [SVYAZAN S] two agents[b] and is carrying out the development [RAZRABOTKA][c] of several persons. It is very [B? important] that ABRAM should be left here.

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- Notes:
- [a] Not available.
  - [b] An alternative interpretation is: "... he is running two agents ..."
  - [c] "Development" is one of the stages in recruitment and includes the assessment of the candidate and developing his trust in the case officer.

- Comments:
- [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
  - [ii] ABRAM : Igor Mikhaïlovich SPICHKIN, Press Attache at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.
  - [iii] MISTRESS : Aleksandra Mikhaïlovna KOLLONTAJ, Soviet Minister in STOCKHOLM.
  - [iv] ANATOLIJ : Aleksej PANIN, an engineer in the Soviet Trade Delegation in STOCKHOLM.
  - [v] VALERIAN : Vasilij Fedorovich RAZIN, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.

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